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Be Ready With Your Contribution to Victory - Drive Opens Monday

British Opened New Offensive Between LeCateau and Colesmes

Bruay Captured and West Bank of Scheldt Canal Reached—Hour of Defeat for Enemy to Strike Soon Says President Poincare—German Chancellor Announces That Reichstag Will Hencelorth be Responsible for Peace or War—Peace Negotiations Nearing a Climax, He Also Claims—Austria Becomes a Separate Germanic State While Hungary Hencelorth Will be Responsible for Its Own Foreign Affairs and Become Also Independent—German Reply Unsatisfactory to Allied Governments.

1,100 PRISONERS AND GREAT QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS CAPTURED

HAVRE, Oct. 23.—The enemy were forced to abandon large quantities of material on the Lys Canal. The French took eleven hundred prisoners in this sector.

REICHSTAG HENCEFORTH TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR AND PEACE

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 23.—Announcement was made by the German chancellor of a bill making the Reichstag responsible for war and peace measures, to become effective when the project for a league of nations should become operative.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE REACHED A CRITICAL POINT, SAYS CHANCELLOR MAX.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 23.—Peace conversations between Berlin and Washington have reached a critical point, according to Prince Maximilian, German imperial chancellor, speaking before the Reichstag yesterday. In the course of his address he stated that the debate on the situation arising from the exchange of notes between himself and President Wilson, would be restricted as much as possible.

The German people must not be blindly brought to a conference table, said the chancellor. The German people today have the right to ask if peace is realized on the basis of President Wilson's conditions what they mean for our future. Our answer to the president's question must be framed on the German people's understanding of that question. What it now wants is clearness.

HOUR OF DEFEAT FOR ENEMY WILL STRIKE SOON, SAYS FRENCH PRESIDENT

PARIS, Oct. 23.—President Poincare visited Lille yesterday and received an enthusiastic ovation. In reply to the address of welcome the president said that the hour of defeat for the enemy will strike soon. The party then went to Roubaix. During an address there, President Poincare said that no peace was possible without the return of Alsace and Lorraine, to France. At Douai the president was met by the British Prince of Wales.

GERMAN STATE OF AUSTRIA CREATED

BASEL, Oct. 23.—The German-Austrian deputies in the Austrian Reichstag have formed an assembly for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Germanic people in Austria and have issued a declaration announcing the creation of a German state of Austria. Measures are being taken to carry into effect the proclamation of Emperor Charles, conferring independence on Hungary. It is reported that Count Julius Andrássy will be Hungarian foreign minister. Hitherto Austria and Hungary, although having separate ministers for the administration of internal affairs, have had one minister in common for each of the departments of Foreign Affairs, War and Finance. Count Andrássy is the former premier of Hungary and has figured prominently in the efforts toward peace.

BRITISH OPENED NEW OFFENSIVE THIS MORNING

LONDON, Oct. 23.—(Official).—The British, this morning very early, began a new attack on the front between LeCateau and Colesmes. The British have taken Bruay, two and a half miles from Valenciennes, and have reached the west bank of the Scheldt Canal.

HAND OVER ADMINISTRATION TO POLES

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 23.—Austrian authorities in the part of Poland occupied by the Austrian armies, have formally handed over the administration to the Polish authorities, says a Vienna despatch.

FRENCH ADVANCE AND TAKE PRISONERS

PARIS, Oct. 23.—On the Serre front last night the Germans met with a heavy machine gun fire the efforts of the French to cross the Souche and Serre Rivers. Further east the French made progress between Mignas Comte and Le Thoury taking prisoners.

BRITISH FIGHTING IN CENTRE OF VALENCIENNES

LONDON, Oct. 23.—British troops were fighting their way into the centre of Valenciennes early today. They were facing a strong enemy machine gun fire from the east bank of the Scheldt Canal.

FRENCH PENETRATE THREE MILES ON SERRE RIVER

LONDON, Oct. 23.—North-east of Laon, French troops have reached the left bank of the Serre River, having made an advance of two or three miles on an eight-mile front.

EVACUATION MUST PRECEDE ARMISTICE PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The statement was authorized today that there is nothing in Germany's latest communication to alter the decision of the president that he will not propose an armistice to the Allies before the Germans evacuate all occupied territory.

IMPROVEMENT IN INFLUENZA SITUATION

TORONTO, Oct. 23.—Reports for Ontario, with the exception of Ottawa and surrounding districts, today show considerable improvement in the influenza epidemic situation. In Toronto the record of deaths which yesterday was somewhat alarming, indicates today a much smaller number for the twenty-four hours. On the whole, health officials are fairly confident that the disease is passing its peak in most parts of the province.

Morning Despatches

ALLIED GOVERNMENTS REGARD GERMAN REPLY AS UNSATISFACTORY

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Evening News announces that the War Cabinet's communication to Washington declares that none of the associated governments regard the German note as satisfactory.

HAIG'S FORCES HAVE ENTERED OUTSKIRTS OF VALENCIENNES

LONDON, Oct. 23.—General Haig's forces have entered the outskirts of Valenciennes. Gains were made south of Tournai.

AIR FORCES BOMBARDING GERMAN TOWNS

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Two air squadrons attacked the railway and barracks at Metz on Monday. Another squadron went as far as the Rhine towns but fog interfered and seven of our machines have not returned.

FRENCH CAPTURE SEVERAL MORE TOWNS

PARIS, Oct. 23.—The French have compelled the enemy to retreat further on the Serre front and have taken several more towns north of Laon.

Reduced Size Weekly Issue

Temporary Change Made Necessary By Illness of Staff.

Owing to the prevailing epidemic of influenza which has crippled the staff of The Ontario office for a week or more, we are obliged to issue an eight page weekly this week instead of the regular sixteen page edition. It is hoped next week to return to the regular size issue.

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Killed in Action—
W. Parsons, Havelock
F. C. Carter, Renfrew
J. Burrow, Orillia
R. E. Stephens, Midland
H. C. McKay, Brockville
A. P. Wilkinson, Peterboro
C. Mountain, Brighton.

Died—
C. Quakenbush, Trenton.

Ill—
D. Brown, Odessa.

Gassed—
K. MacMillan, Belleville.

Wounded—
T. Farrow, Oshawa
J. Lansfield, Fenelon Falls
A. J. Lumm, Bowmanville
H. Chard, Peterboro
G. Hoasman, Stirling
Capt. R. Cray, Brockville
C. LaRoche, Delta.

City's Vital Statistics

For Quarter—July, August and September.

The report of vital statistics for July, August and September contains the following items according to the report of the City clerk, Mr. J. Wilfred Holmes:

32 Marriages
76 Births (33 male, 43 female)
40 Deaths (23 male, 17 females)
Deaths classified as to years:
Under 1 year 12
From 1 year to 10 years 4
From 10 years to 15 years 2
From 15 years to 20 years 2
From 20 years to 30 years 2
From 30 years to 50 years 3
From 50 years to 70 years 6
Over 70 years 9

Comparison with July, August and September, 1917.

1917 1918
Deaths 35 40 Increase of 5, 1918
Marriages 32 32 Same
Births 48 75 Inc. of 27, 1918

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. W. E. Anderson and family wish to thank their many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown them in their recent bereavement.

Wedding Bells

McKEOWN—PITTS

At Kew Beach Presbyterian Church on Saturday afternoon, October 19th, the marriage was solemnized of Dorothy Mary (Dodo), daughter of Mr. Alfred Pitts, Cedar Avenue, Balmy Beach, to Charles Keith McKeown, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. McKeown, Toronto. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. Stewart, assisted by Rev. Robert Herbison of Richmond Hill. The bride, who was unattended, was given away by her father. She wore a travelling suit of trench brown velour, chestnut brown velvet hat and crossed fox furs (the gift of the groom) with a corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses. Miss Hazel Cromarty played the wedding march and during the signing of the register Miss Jeanette Stevenson sang "Love's Coronation." Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McKeown left for western points to spend their honeymoon and upon returning to the city they will reside at 514 Bathurst street, Toronto. The bride is a niece of Mrs. Geo. R. Brown, Sidney street.

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